


IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1- 7 without prejudice or disclaimer and ADD new claims 8-11, in accordance with the following: 

1-7. Canceled

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8. (new) A medium, comprising:
a lead-in area;
a user data area;
a lead-out area; and

a recording information area, separate from the lead-in, user data, and lead-out areas, which comprises a Power Calibration Area (PCA) and a Recording Management Area (RMA) comprising write protection information to control unwanted writing or erasing of the entire medium, except for the RMA, with the write protection information being provided in at least one area of the RMA area. *? n matter*

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9. (new) The information storage medium of claim 8, wherein the write protection information is stored in a field 0 of a Recording Management Data (RMD) area of the RMA area of the medium.

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10. (new) The information storage medium of claim 9, wherein the write protection information is stored in a Byte Position (BP) 2 of the field 0 of the RMD area of the RMA area of the medium.

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11. (new) The information storage medium of claim 9, wherein writing of data on the medium is prohibited when the write protection information is set to a write protection state.

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